

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed on July 8, 2008. At the time the Examiner mailed the Office Action claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15 were pending. In response the Applicant has: 1) canceled claims 2-4, 6, 9-11, and 13; 2) added new claim 16; 3) amended claims 1, 5, 7, 8, 12, 14, and 15. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application and the allowance of claims 1, 3-8 and 10-15.

Claims Rejections – 35 USC § 102 and § 103

Claims 1-3, 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Macintosh et al. US 2002/01385581 (hereinafter "Macintosh"); and Claims 4-5 and 11-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Macintosh as applied to claims 1-3 and 8-10 above, and further in view of Friend, US 2004/0153512 (hereinafter "Friend");

Claims 6 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Macintosh and Friend as applied to claims 1-4 and 8-11 above, and further in view of Gautier US 2004/0045031.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims render the claims allowable over the foregoing prior art. Specifically, none of the references, alone or in combination, teach or suggest all of the features recited in the amended claims. As such, Applicants respectfully request allowance of all claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Thomas C. Webster at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully Submitted,

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